

Acquisition Reform Success Story



Global Combat Support System - Air Force (GCSS-AF)

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Program Description

GCSS-AF seeks to modernize base level support systems into integrated systems that are responsive to Air Force needs during times of war and peace. The modernization efforts will maintain or improve current capabilities and reduce life cycle support costs without degrading current operations.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

Comparing the source selection performance of GCSS-AF to past Standard System Group (SSG) programs provides impressive evidence for how SSG has embraced the Air Force's acquisition reform initiatives. Not only did the GCSS-AF team streamline their pre-award processes, but a Government-Industry team was forged that increased understanding of Government intent and allowed Industry to participate in the preparation of the evaluation criteria. Communication with Industry was enhanced by an electronic bulletin board and World Wide Web site that contained all source selection information. This unprecedented level of cooperation has been enthusiastically embraced by Industry as a model Government-Industry relationship.

Measure	From	To
Hours With Industry Before RFP Release	31	82
Number of Draft RFPs	3	6+
Number of Mandatory CDRLs	47	3
Number of Required Military Specifications	7	0
RFP Pages	1304	247
SSEB Size	48	37
Number of Standards	408	21

Bottom Line: GCSS-AF efforts to increase communications with Industry while reducing oversight and “how-to” requirements greatly increase the probability of obtaining the best contractor to modernize Air Force base level support systems for the 21st Century (doing it **better**).